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Crop Report for the Period November 3rd to 10th, 2009

Dry and sunny weather over the past several days has allowed Saskatchewan farmers to make significant progress towards completing harvest. Province-wide, 92 per cent of the harvest is complete, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's Weekly Crop Report.

The northeast region, due to the previous weeks' wet weather, has the largest percentage of unharvested crop. Only 78 per cent of the crop has been harvested. The northwestern and east-central regions have 90 per cent of harvest in the bin. Harvest is 92 per cent complete in the west-central region, and in the southeastern and southwestern regions, harvest is 95 and 99 per cent compete, respectively.

The dry weather has decreased the moisture content of some crops, however crops are still being harvested tough and damp.
Neighbours are helping neighbours finish harvest. Farmers are busy combining, drying grain, baling straw, hauling bales, cleaning corrals and bringing cattle home from pasture.

November 7th, 2004
Province-wide, 93 per cent of the crop had been harvested.

Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)

The reprieve from the cold, damp weather has allowed many farmers to make progress with harvest. Many have finished harvest during the past week. Flax, canaryseed, oats and chickpeas comprise the majority of the crops left to combine. Most cereals were harvested tough or damp; however, the moisture content of the crops in the field had decreased somewhat, meaning they needed less drying time in the bin. Rain showers in some areas on Sunday kept farmers off their fields until Monday afternoon. If the weather holds, most farmers should finish by the end of the week.

The southeastern region has 95 per cent of harvest complete. Seventy-nine per cent of the canaryseed, 93 per cent of the oats, 83 per cent of the flax and 97 per cent of the canola have been harvested.

Farmers are busy combining, baling straw, bunching flax and moving cattle home from pasture.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)

Harvest in the southwest has been essentially complete for some weeks, although farmers in the eastern part of the region are still finished up a few fields. Farmers are watching for heating in the crop that was binned fairly tough.

The southwest has 99 per cent of the harvest complete. Ninety-four per cent of the flax is harvested.

Farmers are busy finishing harvest, hauling bales and cattle, cleaning corrals and baling straw.

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation Report – November 12

The deadline to register yield-loss claims, report production information and request an extension of insurance has been extended to December 1.
An extension of insurance provides producers with compensation for losses in yield and quality past the deadline. Final adjustment of crops will occur after harvest is complete in the spring but no later than June 10, 2010. Producers should contact their local customer service office or 1-888-935-0000 to discuss options and extension features or register an extension.

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East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6A)

The skies finally cleared up and farmers made good progress with harvest during the past week, especially considering the time of year. Crops dropped a couple points in moisture content, but were still being harvested damp and tough. Farmers are closely watching grain in the bins for any signs of heating or spoilage. The crops have lost quality over the past month. Some cereal crops have bleached and sprouted. Some cereals are testing 16 to 20 per cent moisture and oilseeds 11 to 13 per cent moisture. Combines are running about five or six hours a day.

Ninety per cent of the region's crop is harvested. Seventy per cent of the canaryseed, 66 per cent of the flax, 92 per cent of the canola, 90 per cent of the spring wheat, 89 per cent of the durum, 83 per cent of the oats and 91 per cent of the barley is harvested.

Farmers are busy harvesting, monitoring tough grain and hauling bales.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)

During the past week, crops were being harvested with a slightly lower moisture content compared to that of previous weeks. However, stored grain is still being closely monitored for spoilage and heating. Oilseeds are testing 11 to 16 per cent moisture and cereals 16 to 22 per cent moisture. The swaths that are lying in the fields are quite wet still. Neighbours are helping each other finish harvest, and it is not uncommon to see four or five combines working one field.

The region has 93 per cent of the crop in the bin. Ninety-five per cent of the canaryseed, 86 per cent of the flax, 96 per cent of the canola and mustard, 90 per cent of the spring wheat, 84 per cent of the durum, 87 per cent of the oats and 93 per cent of the barley has been harvested.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)

The weather has co-operated with farmers in the northeast; however, fields are still very wet and the moisture content of grain is high. Most farmers are focusing on getting the canola harvested. Grain dryers have been running around the clock, trying to keep up with the volume of damp grain coming in. Crops that are in the swath remain quite wet. There are reports that the canola swaths have dried sufficiently to permit combining.

The northeastern region has 78 per cent of the harvest complete. Thirty-eight per cent of the canaryseed, 87 per cent of the spring wheat, 80 per cent of the oats, 89 per cent of the barley, 35 per cent of the flax and 67 per cent of the canola has been harvested. Twenty-two per cent of the flax and 32 per cent of the canola remain in the swath.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)

The past week of decent weather allowed many farmers to make progress with harvest. Crops are being combined tough and damp. Oilseeds are being harvested with a moisture content of 12 to 16 per cent, while cereals are being taken off in the 15 to 22 per cent moisture range. There is still some snow on the swaths. In some areas, custom dryers have waiting lists of clients. Farmers are drying grain and closely monitoring stored grain for signs of heating and spoilage. Cattle are stubble-grazing in some areas.

The region has 90 per cent of the harvest complete. Eighty-nine per cent of the spring wheat, 87 per cent of the oats, 27 per cent of the flax and 86 per cent of the canola have been harvested.

Farmers are busy harvesting, baling straw and hauling cattle and bales home.

Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan